



Docket No.: 1572.1163

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Houk WANG

Serial No. 10/689,715

Group Art Unit: 2615

Confirmation No. 3957

Filed: October 22, 2003

Examiner: Paul Disler

For: ELECTRONIC APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF

COMMENTS REGARDING STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance in which the Examiner indicated that some of the claims were allowed based on certain features.

MPEP §1302.14 states, in part:

Where specific reasons are recorded by the examiner, care must be taken to ensure that statements of reasons for allowance (or indication of allowable subject matter) are accurate, precise and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow upon the claims. The examiner should keep in mind the possible misinterpretations of his or her statement that may be made and its possible estoppel effects.

In the "Reasons for Allowance", the Examiner characterizes certain features of identified claims which the Examiner states that the prior art fails to disclose. It is submitted that the Examiner's statement is not an accurate quote with respect to each of the allowed claims. It is further submitted that the claims speak for themselves and should not be interpreted based on the Examiner's characterizations of same. It is submitted that the claims provide their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance. By way of example and not limitation, claim 10 does not include the language "wherein the selection part allows a user to select the selected sound

channel" referenced in the statement.

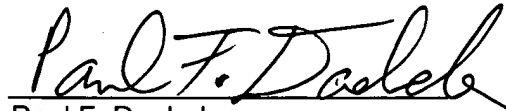
In summary, it is submitted that the Examiner's Statement "raises possible misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects" (M.P.E.P. §1302.14) and is therefore improper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: January 25, 2008

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul F. Daebeler", written over a horizontal line.

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